

# The Butler Weekly Times

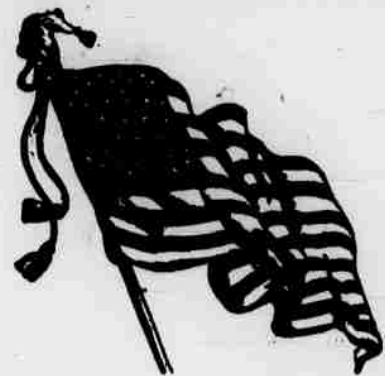
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Ten Mexicans afflicted with leprosy were last week sent back into Mexico by the United States health authorities.

W. H. Veno, a wealthy resident of Manchester, England, has offered \$5,000 to the first British aviator who drops a bomb on Berlin.

Nine bakers have been found guilty of conspiring to fix bread prices in Los Angeles, California, in violation of the state anti-trust law.

Thomas B. Smith, mayor of Philadelphia was held under \$10,000 bond on charges of conspiracy to commit murder at the recent election held in that city.

Because Holland permits the Germans to ship junk, sand and gravel through that country to and from Belgium, England has stopped all commercial cable communication with the Netherlands.

Persons living in territory adjacent to Camp Funston are reported to be very indignant at the report that the war department contemplates sending negro soldiers to that post. And Kansas was once the home of John Brown.

Mrs. Elizabeth James, mother of United States Senator Ollie M. James of Kentucky, died after a brief illness at her home at Marion, Ky., Friday, while her son was speeding to her bedside from Washington. Mr. James was 72 years old.

Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, spent last week in a hospital nursing his back which had been badly sprained lifting a hog into a wagon on his Iowa farm. He never had much trouble tossing beefy foreigners around at will, but an American hog was a different proposition.

Cadet Cyril W. Courture has been dismissed from the West Point military academy. President Wilson has approved the court martial's sentence. Two charges were preferred against Courture, absenting himself without leave for two hours and making a false statement with intent to deceive.

Two or three more days will be needed to complete arrangements for formal awarding of commissions to approximately 625 successful candidates at Fort Des Moines officers' training camp for negroes, it was said. Col. W. T. Johnston, detailed by the War Department, will make the awards.

The body of Herman Heinisch, an Austrian, who escaped from the guard house at Fort McIntosh Saturday night, was recovered from the Rio Grande near Laredo, Tex., Saturday night. Heinisch broke jail in company with four other Austrians and a German. The body of Hans Frelich another of the fugitives, was recovered from the river Tuesday.

Mexicans crossed the border at Terlingua, Tex., Wednesday night and drove off to horses from the ranch of Buttrill and Sublett, according to a message received at El Paso. The raiders were pursued by American troops to the International Line yesterday but escaped with the horses. Terlingua is 60 miles south of Marfa, Tex.

## SWEIGART RANCH NEAR CARBON CENTER SOLD

By Trustee for \$27,000, Judge Silvers of Butler, Purchaser.

Judge John A. Silvers, Wesley Denton and J. W. Harrison of Butler were in Rich Hill Tuesday morning on business. Judge Silvers lately purchased the Sweigart ranch near Carbon Center, concerning which the Nevada Post says: "The Sweigart farm, consisting of 1540 acres located near Carbon Center, was sold Monday at the courthouse by M. T. January, trustee, to John A. Silvers of Butler. The consideration was \$27,300. The land formerly was known as the Col. Baughn ranch. The trustee's sale was held to satisfy a judgment of \$7,000 awarded to C.

M. Howard against the Sweigart heirs recently. J. H. Crain of Ft. Scott, Kas., and Mr. January, of Nevada represented Mr. Howard in the litigation, which has been in progress for several years.—Rich Hill Review.

Judge Silvers informs us that it is his intention to have a preliminary survey made of this land and if practical to levy same, a levy district will be formed and the entire farm levied.

## Root Branch.

Welch brothers have bought a \$175 John Deer corn binder. It has an elevator dump and is a fine one.

Mrs. Ira Wiser and daughter and Mrs. Leslie Latimer were wild grape hunting one day last week. I did not ask them if they had license for hunting.

Frank Smith put up the Welch brothers priarie hay on the shares. Mr. W. I. Walbridge baled it.

Sol Wiser writes home from Ft. Sil that the water is about to fail and he expects to be moved to some other quarters soon. He is with Co. B.

Last Friday night the howl of wolves was heard and the dogs were after them on Root Branch.

Co. B is doing hard drilling now days. They drill from 7:30 to 11:30 and from 1:30 to 5:30. That puts them in the dark for supper and they use candles instead of lamps.

The frost we had Oct. 6 fixed everything for cutting and we have had nice weather since and no more frost.

I want wood cut on the shares or will pay \$1.00 corded up in the timber 4x8 feet.

Mrs. W. C. Green's mother is here on a visit this week. Mr. Green met her at the train in Butler last Friday.

NELS.

## FIRE IN THE K. C. STOCK YARDS

Several Thousand Head of Cattle and Hogs and 100 Horses Burned to Death.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Thousands of cattle and hogs perished in the fire which broke out in the Kansas City Stock Yards at 2 o'clock this morning and raged until daylight before it was gotten under control by the firemen.

Twenty-five acres of cattle pens and hog houses were destroyed. Estimates of the number of head of stock burned vary, some fixing the number at 10,000 but stock yard officials said the number lost would be between 2500 and 3000 cattle and 2,000 to 2,500 hogs. To estimate the loss in dollars would be a difficult task, the officials said, but it is generally believed, it will reach \$1,000,000. Speculators in cattle are the heaviest losers. Cattle and hogs were driven from the pens and mingled together in the streets and the owners will be unable to identify their stock. It is probable the cattle and hogs that escaped the flames will be sold by order of the circuit court and the proceeds distributed in accordance with the testimony offered by the owners. The cattle lost was mostly stockers, the beef cattle having been gotten out of the yards. At noon the firemen were still at work endeavoring to extinguish the smoldering flames.

Co. B of the Kansas City Home Guards which has been patrolling the Stock Yards since the National Guards left the state, were not on guard at the yards last night. Governor Gardner having ruled that they could not be used for service in Kansas.

The origin of the fire is not known but the belief was expressed that it was of incendiary origin. A rigid

investigation will be made.

All of the old frame hog houses were destroyed and these will be replaced by cement houses. Assistant General Manager Weeks of the Stock Yards Company said it would be almost impossible to estimate the loss at this time. Yesterday's run of cattle was 41,000 head, the largest for many weeks. None of the officials would say the fire was the result of a war plot.

As a result of the fire there was no market at the Stock Yards today. A number of fine horses owned by cattle speculators were also lost in the fire, the number lost being estimated at one hundred. Speculators who went to bed last night with small fortunes in their hands were awakened this morning to find their fortunes had been wiped out by fire.

J. B. Dill, assistant chief of the Kansas City, Kas., fire department and head of the first fire company to reach the scene of the fire, said he firmly believed the fire was of incendiary origin. Lieut. Bishoff of No. 16 engine company said he saw fires in three different parts of the yards.

## Urges That The Strike Order to Coal Miners be Revoked.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Alexander Howat, president of district 14, United Mine Workers of America, tonight was in receipt of a telegram from John P. White, national president of the United Mine Workers, urging that the strike of 35,000 coal miners in all mines operated by members of the Southwestern Interstate Operator's Association, called for Friday morning, should not become effective. He asked that "such drastic action" be not taken pending further negotiations. Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma are embraced in the affected district.

## The Farmers Bank of Butler Farm Products Display.

That Bates is one of the leading agricultural counties of the state is amply proven by the display of the products of her farms and gardens now on display in the lobby of the Farmers Bank in this city.

In point of size, the most conspicuous objects in the display are three gigantic pumpkins, one of which was raised by W. F. Duvall, president of the bank. An immense squash is contributed by A. W. Padley. The potato family is represented by a large sweet potato from the gardens of R. E. Miller, in the south part of the city. There is white corn, red corn and yellow corn, and each ear is the best ever raised in the county. Brood corn and Kaffir corn were not forgotten and good samples of each can be found on the tables. That this is a good grass county is shown by a bundle of Sudan grass over seven feet high. Also a fine sample of German millet. While this did not seem to be a good fruit year in this part of the country there are some good pears and apples, that are the products of Bates county

orchards. John Phelps has on exhibition a quart of very fine cane sorghum that looks as though it would go mighty fine with hot cakes. There is also a bottle of oil, which however, is from an Oklahoma well, but the well is owned by a Bates county man.

While there have been larger displays of Bates county products, it is doubtful if there have been many better ones. Every one of the products is almost perfect and would win a ribbon in almost any competition. The display is worth looking at. Drop around and see what the county can produce.

Two officers and eight enlisted men of the Rainbow division have been sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army for the "intemperate use of alcohol." The names of the officers have not been made public.

The New York Volks Zeitung, the official organ of German speaking socialists of New York, has been forbidden the use of the mails. The newspaper recently is reported to have refused an advertisement for Liberty Loan bonds.

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